

State Route 18 Emergency Restoration Project “The Narrows” Update April 8, 2004

Construction Progress

- Bids were opened and the contract with SEMA Construction confirmed on 3/15/04.
- Work began on 3/20/04 with initial emphasis on making minor signing and striping improvements to the Crest Forest Drive detour.
- To date, approximately 75% of debris blocking the roadway has been processed for disposal or for use in the embankment repair. Suitable soil can be incorporated in the embankment but oversize rock and organic material must be separated for disposal.
- Damaged or threatened rock piers from the existing barrier system have been stabilized or removed to a storage location for protection during construction.
- Embankment repair has begun at three locations; soil reinforcing fabric is being incorporated into the embankment at some of the repair locations. It is expected that an additional crew will begin work next week at another location so those repairs will be in progress at four sites simultaneously.
- A completion percentage cannot be estimated yet, but it is expected that roadway reopening can occur in July as reported at the Lake Arrowhead public meeting of 3/24/04.

Public Safety Issue

We need your help!

In recent weeks, both pedestrian and vehicular trespassing have interfered with the work in progress, especially on weekends. Caltrans has developed an action plan to address this safety concern. Caltrans posted “No Trespassing” signs on 4/7/04, and will issue a press release to advise the public of planned enhanced enforcement that CHP is willing to provide. Could you help share this information with your constituents.